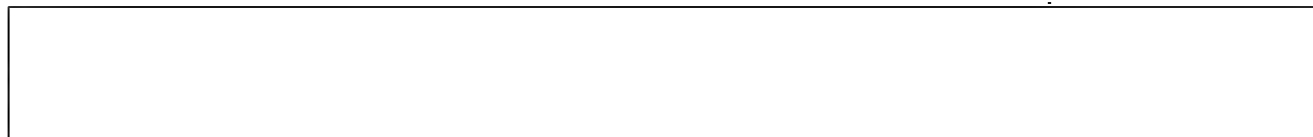




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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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1. North Vietnam

Hanoi has obliquely admitted to some difficulties in trying to evacuate a large portion of the urban population while maintaining some semblance of normal life for the displaced persons.

A recent editorial in the party paper, when stripped of its propaganda content, showed the regime's concern over possible civilian casualties from intensified US raids. It strongly "advised" that further civil defense measures be undertaken "satisfactorily and urgently."

The editorial called for the evacuees to develop "a spirit of overcoming difficulty," evidently a reference to popular resistance to resettlement. Evacuees should quickly undertake productive tasks and "adapt to the new circumstances" to preserve the "lasting character of the evacuation"--an apparent admission that a tendency simply to wander back to the city has plagued the evacuation program.

2. Soviet Union

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3. Indonesia

General Suharto

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[redacted] felt that prompt ending of confrontation with Malaysia would trigger a flow of US aid. Suharto was discouraged by lack of an immediate positive response to his feelers for aid and is anxious to learn what he must do to start it coming.

The Bangkok agreements for resumption of relations between Indonesia and Malaysia are due to be signed in a day or two.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Malik

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[redacted] is confident Suharto will promptly order a cease-fire as provided for in the agreements. [redacted]

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4. Pakistan

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5. Soviet Union -
Brazil

Moscow has bolstered its lagging trade with Brazil by granting an eight-year \$100-million credit that will permit Brazil to increase its purchases of Soviet machinery and equipment. The Soviet Union will accept Brazilian manufactures in part payment and thus provide a market that Brazil has been eager to enter.

A Soviet-Chilean deal along similar lines will probably be concluded shortly.

6. Congo

More stresses seem to be developing, partly because of Mobutu's failure to seek or receive sound advice. Mobutu's chronic suspicions have now been extended to include Western diplomats, in addition to the Belgians, whom he accuses of preparing for Tshombé's return. He has also expressed doubt as to the loyalty of the prime minister.

Should Mobutu act against the prime minister or offer his own resignation, as he has threatened, further factionalization of the military and weakening of his regime would follow.

7. Congo (Brazzaville)

Dissident army elements may soon challenge President Massamba-Debat's radical Brazzaville regime again. The dissidents have rejected an order to parade unarmed in next week's independence celebrations and have begun removing their families from Brazzaville. Should trouble develop, the president will probably rely on his Cuban guard, provided by Castro, which stood by the regime during the army mutiny last June.



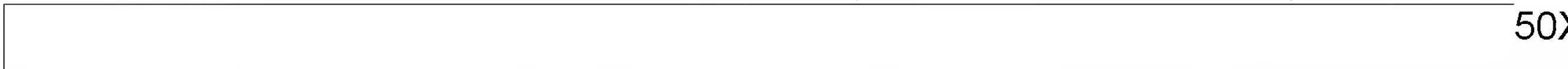
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